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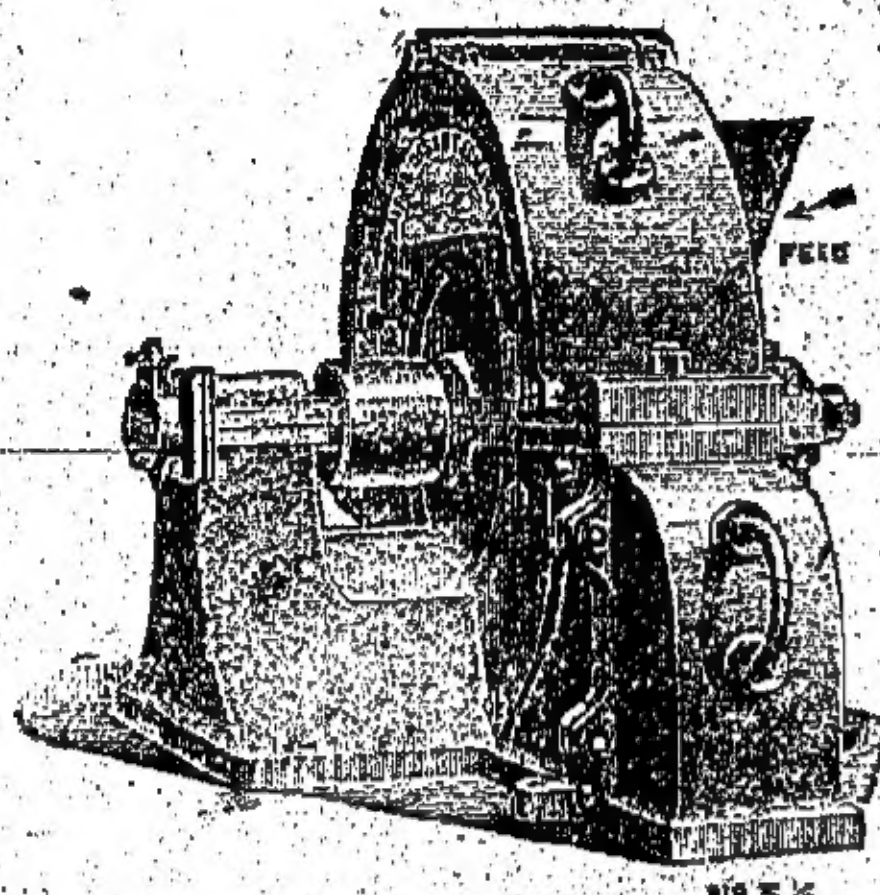
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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auctions.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 3, Crossby Terrace, Kowloon.


Meetings.
5.30 p.m.—Emergency Meeting, United Services Lodge, No. 1541, E.C.

Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance by the Brough Comedy Co., in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.
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General Memoranda.
TUESDAY, April 30:—
Goods per *Shanghai* not cleared after this date subject to rent.
8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Ethen Mark Lodge.
WEDNESDAY, May 1:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 3, Crossby Terrace, Kowloon.
9 p.m.—A Concert, in the Hon. O. P. Chater's Bungalow, Kowloon.
Goods per *Baltic* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.
THURSDAY, May 2:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Undersecretary, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1901.

Editorial Comment.

IN his interesting chapter on Hongkong in 'The Englishman in China,' Mr. Michie makes a passing reference to crime and its suppression in Hongkong. Speaking of the gradual development of the Colony and giving credit for a share of this to its earliest administrators, he says: 'Among these men was more deserving of praise than Sir Richard Macdonnell (1805-72) who, on entering sight, as he entered the harbour, of an enormous building, which he was told was the jail, remarked, "I will not fill that, but stop the crime!" and he was nearly as good as his word—a terror to evil-doers.' We read in Dr. Kitchin's 'History of Hongkong': 'It became quickly known that confinement in goal was now a real punishment. But the most marked effect attached to these measures of Sir Richard's administration, by which he applied whipping and military confinement to cases of armed or violent assault, kidnapping and child-stealing and to criminals returning from deportation. Compelled by financial considerations to abandon the newly-built goal on Stonecutters Island, he brought all prisoners under a uniformly rigorous system of discipline in Victoria Gaol, reduced the dietary scale, made good labour more severe, and ordered good offences to be punished with the cat instead of the rattan. By these measures he made imprisonment a real deterrent.' Since Sir Richard Macdonnell's day, there have been many changes in the Colony. Serious crime has diminished, but, nevertheless, the Victoria Gaol has kept on growing, and now is inadequate for the proper accommodation of the criminals who make Hongkong their sphere of activity. Of course, the introduction of the 'separate system,' which makes prison life irksome, is partly responsible for the demand of the Superintendent for more cell accommodation. In his last report, Mr. May said: 'The goal at the present time contains 500 separate cells (73 of which are just about to be opened), and 14 association cells. Five hundred and fourteen prisoners can thus be confined on the separate system—the only satisfactory one—while 60 more prisoners could be accommodated on emergency by putting 5 prisoners in each association cell. This gives a total capacity for 570 prisoners. The daily average of prisoners was last year 486, and on occasions, by means of emergency, as many as 600 prisoners were confined at one and the same time, while the numbers for several weeks in the hottest weather were over 570. The accommodation is therefore already insufficient, and I have accordingly pointed out that the building of a new prison for convicts should receive only consideration.'

Not so many years ago, there was a sort of crusade against the paupering of Chinese prisoners. There was a deep-seated belief that a certain section of the Chinese community made use of the goal as the persistently poor make use of the workhouse in England—that petty crime was indulged in to secure the peace, repose, and good feeding of goal life—and it was suggested that flogging (abandoned to some extent) should be more frequently indulged in. We are pleased to put on record that during the incumbency of humanitarianists like Sir John Carrington and Mr. W. M. Goodman prisoners convicted at the Criminal Sessions of serious crime (notably highway robbery and armed gang robberies) are now regularly awarded flogging as part of their punishment. These salutary sentences, taken in conjunction with wholesome severity in the enforcement of prison discipline, should have a good effect in time—the evil-door ought to be impressed with the maxim that the way of the transgressor is hard. We suppose, however, that with the expansion of the Colony, the demands on prison accommodation, for a time at least, will be increased proportionately; and we understand the Government contemplates a substantial addition to the prisons of the Colony in accordance with Mr. May's suggestion. In the estimates for the ensuing year, a certain sum will be allocated for the construction of a new goal on Stonecutters Island. The community may consider that there are other more pressing public works that ought to be pushed on; but, after all, if additional prison accommodation is required, we think it will be admitted that no more suitable site could have been selected for the new convict goal than Stonecutters Island, and we hope the Government will so utilise convict labour in the construction of the local Pantheonville as to reduce the cost to the Colony to the lowest possible amount.

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A few weeks ago, we published a communication from a Formosan correspondent criticizing somewhat severely the Japanese administration of Formosa. That communication was followed up by a letter from the Rev. Duncan Ferguson, in which that gentleman took exception to some of the strictures passed upon the government by our correspondent. To Mr. Ferguson's opinion considerable weight attaches, but the accumulation of grievances at the Formosa ports points to an understandable hostility to foreigners on the part of the Japanese. At all times, international sentiment is an incalculable quantity; but the Japanese of the official class, who must be aware of the help Great Britain has bestowed upon Japan in her development as a civilized power, seem to have determined that the foreigner (which, in this case, is almost synonymous with the British merchant) has no right to be in Formosa, that the Britisher's priority in fostering Formosan trade shall be ignored, and that by according exceptional treatment to their own merchants and shipping companies the foreigner must be driven out of the island. Were opportunity given for fair competition, we do not think British traders would grumble; but we are loath to believe that the methods adopted by the Japanese are far from fair or honourable, and that, sooner or later, their tactics will force the British Government to take a stand for the protection of their nationals and their commercial interests. The Japanese Government is not so securely established as the leading Power of the Far East that it can afford to quarrel with Great Britain. But if the anti-foreign policy of the Formosan officials is persisted in there is only one inevitable result ahead. We propose to publish some articles bearing upon Japanese administration in Formosa, and incidentally, an exposure may be made of the intrigues of Japan in the Fokien Province of China, and other matters.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The 'Overland China Mail.'

Owing to the postponement of the departure of the next mail for Europe, the *Overland China Mail* will not be published till Monday morning.

China Tea Prospects.

We do not hear much about tea prospects (says the *Freemason Echo*) excepting that the value of tea, opium and lead so far sent up-country is only about half of that transmitted at the same date last year.

Messrs W. Powell and Co.

We would remind the investing public that applications for shares in the firm of W. Powell and Co., now in course of formation as a limited liability company, should be lodged by Tuesday, the 30th inst., when the list closes. Application forms may be had from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or Mr. W. H. Gaskell, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will play at the Hongkong Hotel (Saturday) evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

March 'A Runaway Girl' ... Carrell
Selection 'Messengers Boy' ... Carrell
Valse 'Darling Mabel' ... Williams
Song 'The Flight of Ages' ... Cowen
March 'Lullaby' ... Williams
Polka 'Minuet' ... Waldteufel

EXTRA.
Selection 'San Toy' ... Jones

The China War Medal.

The *World* says:—Sir Cyprian Bridge will take over his duties as Commander-in-Chief on the China Station in June. It is understood that Admiral Seymour is to receive a fitting acknowledgment of his distinguished services, which he thoroughly deserves. It has already been decided that the officers and men of the Naval Brigade are to have a war medal, with at least two clasps; but it is not known for certain yet whether it will be a new decoration or simply a reproduction of that issued for the campaign of 1890 to 1891.

Military News.

Sir Alfred Gaselee is said to be leaving the strain of his command in China very well, but his difficulties are enormous, and it is to be feared that they are not lightened by recent developments (says *The World*). He is supported, however, by a capable staff, and our Indian troops are fortunately behaving admirably. A correspondent on the spot expresses the hope that 'the miserable business will soon be brought to an end, as it is weary work and with no prospect of glory for anybody.' It is satisfactory to know that the relations between General Gaselee and Count von Waldersee 'have throughout been most friendly, not a difference having arisen.' The letter from which I quote arrived by the last mail.—Major-General Barrow will leave Sir Alfred Gaselee's staff in China, as soon as he can be spared, to take up his new duties as secretary to the Governor-General's Council in the Military Department. General Barrow was at all intents and purposes chosen for this post before he went to China, as he has been specially trained. For three years he was an assistant secretary in the department, and afterwards first deputy secretary.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Inward parcels by a.s. *Baltic* are now ready for delivery.

Bishop Hoare arrived at Fouchow on the 20th inst.

M. Dejean de la Baie, formerly French Consul at Mongtsu, has been appointed Consul at Honolulu.

There was one further case of small-pox reported in the Colony to-day. No deaths.

Lieut. F. S. Cooper of the Suffolk Regiment is seconded for service with the Chinese Regiment of Infantry.

The military raquets championship has been won by Messrs H. B. Bryant and P. Balfour, (2 Batt. Highland Light Infantry.)

Baden-Powell has reserved 1500 places for these colonials wishing to join him after the disembarkment of Australian forces now at the front.

Sir Cavendish Boyle, who is retiring from the Colonial Secretaryship of British Guiana, succeeds Sir Henry MacCallum as Governor of Newfoundland.

To-day, eleven fresh cases of plague were reported in the Colony. There were 9 deaths, bringing the total deaths since the beginning of the year to 180.

The Weekly Prayer-Meeting in connection with the Hongkong Christian Union will be held in the Music Room at the City Hall on Monday at 5.15 p.m.

The jewels which the Duchess of Cornwall is taking with her to Australia have been insured against all risks for £75,000. The Duke has insured his for £2,000.

A contingent of the Peking Volunteers, 25 rank and file, went to Singapore to participate in the ceremonies attendant on the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall.

Oxford has won the majority of the Inter-University sports events this year. Her latest victory is in the golf match, which the strong Oxford team won by 19 holes.

The death, from sunstroke of M. W. A. Spoel, son of M. Theodore Spoel, of the well-known trading and shipping firm, is announced from Saigon. The deceased was out shooting, and had exposed himself unduly to the sun.

In her forthcoming production of 'A Royal Necklace,' Mrs. Langtry will herself be Marie Antoinette; Mr. Tabor will be Fersen, the hero; and Mr. Frank Cooper, Cardinal Roban. Mrs. Cecil Raleigh, Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, and Mr. Edmund Maurice will also be in the cast.

The final award in the Korat Railway arbitration case, which resulted from the forcible termination of Mr. Murray Campbell's contract to construct the Korat Railway, is out at last. It is understood that Siam has to pay some £100,000, or, roughly, Ticals 3,000,000, and costs.

News from the Philippines.

General Abad, the insurgent leader in Marinduque, has surrendered.

There were twenty-seven cases of plague in Manila during the week ended 24th inst.

Rinderpest is prevalent throughout the Province in Luzon. Cattle dying from the disease are cremated.

Lieut. Commander Allibone, U.S.N., commanding the *Wilmington* died at Cavite on the 18th inst.

Mr. Charles Knox, a well-known Methodist in New York, has fitted \$30,000 to build the Knox Memorial First M.E. Church of Manila.

The Hon. H. C. Bates, one of the five American judges appointed for the newly constituted Court of First Instance of the Philippines, has arrived at Manila.

More Royalty on Tour.

Says a house paper:—It seems that the Queen of Holland is about to lose her husband for a short time. Prince Henry has consented to visit the Dutch colonial possessions in the Far East, where the Achinese, after sporadic fighting for nearly half a century, are believed to have been at last subjugated. Preparations for the journey are already being made, and the Prince Consort expects to start about June. The tour will last about three months. The Dutch colonies have not been visited by any member of the reigning house since the late King's sister brother went out. Prince Henry is having several new sports guns made in England for tigers and other big game. He is passionately devoted to sports, and once paid a long visit to British India for the purpose of hunting.

Visitors at the docks.—At *Kooloon*, U.S.S. *Bennington*, Lung Tsing, Hangchow, Pingyung, Compania de Filipinas, Styr. Kwang, Baran, Anson, Kailang, Athenian, Swift, Hongkong, Zaire.

Correspondent.—Colonies, Patience, Bismarck.

Aberdeen.—Hikosan Maru.

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Notes by the Way.

Inward parcels by a.s. *Baltic* are now ready for delivery.

Bishop Hoare arrived at Fouchow on the 20th inst.

M. Dejean de la Baie, formerly French Consul at Mongtsu, has been appointed Consul at Honolulu.

There was one further case of small-pox reported in the Colony to-day. No deaths.

Lieut. F. S. Cooper of the Suffolk Regiment is seconded for service with the Chinese Regiment of Infantry.

The military raquets championship has been won by Messrs H. B. Bryant and P. Balfour, (2 Batt. Highland Light Infantry.)

Baden-Powell has reserved 1500 places for these colonials wishing to join him after the disembarkment of Australian forces now at the front.

Sir Cavendish Boyle, who is retiring from the Colonial Secretaryship of British Guiana, succeeds Sir Henry MacCallum as Governor of Newfoundland.

To-day, eleven fresh cases of plague were reported in the Colony. There were 9 deaths, bringing the total deaths since the beginning of the year to 180.

The Weekly Prayer-Meeting in connection with the Hongkong Christian Union will be held in the Music Room at the City Hall on Monday at 5.15 p.m.

The jewels which the Duchess of Cornwall is taking with her to Australia have been insured against all risks for £75,000. The Duke has insured his for £2,000.

A contingent of the Peking Volunteers, 25 rank and file, went to Singapore to participate in the ceremonies attendant on the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall.

Oxford has won the majority of the Inter-University sports events this year. Her latest victory is in the golf match, which the strong Oxford team won by 19 holes.

The death, from sunstroke of M. W. A. Spoel, son of M. Theodore Spoel, of the well-known trading and shipping firm, is announced from Saigon. The deceased was out shooting, and had exposed himself unduly to the sun.

In her forthcoming production of 'A Royal Necklace,' Mrs. Langtry will herself be Marie Antoinette; Mr. Tabor will be Fersen, the hero; and Mr. Frank Cooper, Cardinal Roban. Mrs. Cecil Raleigh, Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, and Mr. Edmund Maurice will also be in the cast.

The final award in the Korat Railway arbitration case, which resulted from the forcible termination of Mr. Murray Campbell's contract to construct the Korat Railway, is out at last. It is understood that Siam has to pay some £100,000, or, roughly, Ticals 3,000,000, and costs.

News from the Philippines.

General Abad, the insurgent leader in Marinduque, has surrendered.

There were twenty-seven cases of plague in Manila during the week ended 24th inst.

Rinderpest is prevalent throughout the Province in Luzon. Cattle dying from the disease are cremated.

Lieut. Commander Allibone, U.S.N., commanding the *Wilmington* died at Cavite on the 18th inst.

Mr. Charles Knox, a well-known Methodist in New York, has fitted \$30,000 to build the Knox Memorial First M.E. Church of Manila.

The Hon. H. C. Bates, one of the five American judges appointed for the newly constituted Court of First Instance of the Philippines, has arrived at Manila.

More Royalty on Tour.

Says a house paper:—It seems that the Queen of Holland is about to lose her husband for a short time. Prince Henry has consented to visit the Dutch colonial possessions in the Far East, where the Achinese, after sporadic fighting for nearly half a century, are believed to have been at last subjugated. Preparations for the journey are already being made, and the Prince Consort expects to start about June. The tour will last about three months. The Dutch colonies have not been visited by any member of the reigning house since the late King's sister brother went out. Prince Henry is having several new sports guns made in England for tigers and other big game. He is passionately devoted to sports, and once paid a long visit to British India for the purpose of hunting.

Visitors at the docks.—At *Kooloon*, U.S.S. *Bennington*, Lung Tsing, Hangchow, Pingyung, Compania de Filipinas, Styr. Kwang, Baran, Anson, Kailang, Athenian, Swift, Hongkong, Zaire.

Correspondent.—Colonies, Patience, Bismarck.

Aberdeen.—Hikosan Maru.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

London, 25th April.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers are again active in Cape Colony. Fighting has occurred in the districts around Graaf Reinet, Steynsburg and Barkly East.

London, 25th April.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY QUESTION.

The British Government has submitted to France definite proposals for a settlement of the whole Newfoundland Fishery question, and a reply is awaited.

THE COAL TAX.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beech, replying to a deputation, said that he was unable to withdraw the Coal tax, but that he wished to deal fairly with existing contracts.

THE STRANDED 'SOBRON.'

Latest News.

Mr. H. A. Ritchie, superintendent of the P. and O. S. N. Company, sends us the following information:—

The following information was telegraphed from Fouchow last evening:—

Haehin proceeded *Sobron* this morning; French Cruiser goes this afternoon with Armist (3rd Officer, *Sobron*) aboard; mail in good order.

The following is a summary received by telegraph from Shanghai of the passengers and cargo on board the *Sobron*.

Passengers.—First Saloon—17 Adults, 3 children; Second Saloon—40 Adults, 13 children.

Cargo.—Treasure \$2000 only, 818 bales Fine Silk, 51 bales Waste Silk, 250 tons Strawbaid, 150 tons Hides, 150 tons Sundries.

H.M.S. *Astrea* left Shanghai with the *Comandante*, at daylight this morning for the *Sobron*.

The P. and O. S. N. Co. are defraying the cost of the passages from Fouchow to Hongkong of the passengers of the ill-fated *Sobron* who landed there. They will come to Hongkong by the a.s. *Itan*, which leaves Fouchow at daylight to-morrow and will not call at Swatow as usual.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ASTRONOMICAL.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Harbour Office, Hongkong, April 27, 1901.

Sir,—The following notes may be of interest to each of your readers as they are astronomically inclined:—

On the 3rd prox., there will be a 'penumbral' eclipse of the moon, which will not be visible here, as the moon does not rise until a quarter past 7 in the evening, and the eclipse ends at 11.15 in the afternoon.

On the 18th prox., there will be a total eclipse of the sun, visible at Mauritius, Sumatra (Padang), Borneo (Pontianak), Ambuanga (Port Victoria), and New Guinea (Port Moresby).

An eclipse is known at present, Mr. Maund will proceed to Mauritius, and Messrs Dyson and Nowell to Sumatra. The latter will again attempt the spectroscopic determination of the rotation of the corona, which failed in India last year owing to insufficient exposure of the photographic plate.

This eclipse will be an important one, owing to the long duration of totality. It will be remembered that last year the duration of totality in the eclipse of 28th May, was only 2m. 15s. while this year it will amount to 6m. 42s. thus enabling plates to be exposed for a period nearly three times as long; and it is hoped that this additional time now available will enable a successful result to be obtained.

The eclipse will be visible here, but only as a partial one. It will commence at 1h. 30m. greatest eclipse at 1h. 50m. and ends at 2h. 53m. When the eclipse is at its maximum, a little more than a quarter of the sun will be obscured.—I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

AMATEUR.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ORDER OF CHURCH SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, APRIL 28.

Morning.—11 a.m.—Responses, Tallis; Venite, Hooper; Psalms, 28th Psalm; To Deum, Woodward; Benedictus, Garrett; Hymns, 302, 176; Offertory, Hymn.

Evening.—5.45 p.m.—Responses, Tallis; Psalms, 28th Psalm; Magnificat, 22nd Psalm; Hymn; Nunc Dimittis, 19th Psalm; Hymn, 271, 240, 216; Verses Hymn, Ward (1).

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, APRIL 28.

11 a.m.—Voluntary, 'Andante,' Galkin; Hymn, No. 3 (Rivault); Dykes; Psalm, No. 51 (Double Chant); Smith; Anthem, No. 3; Turn thy face from my Sins, Attwood; Hymn, No. 284 (Rest, Callest); Hymn, No. 277 (Balmity, Mozart); Sermon, 'The Culture of the Heart,' Voluntary, 'Communion,' Bistate.

6 p.m.—Voluntary, 'Andante,' Scott; Clark; Hymn, No. 219 (Melcombe); Webb; Hymn, No. 259, W. H. Deane; Hymn, No. 375 (Tune 375); Sullivan; Sermon, 'Lot's Wife,' Voluntary, 'March from Rebecka,' Barnby.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—WANGHAI, SUNDAY, APRIL 28.

Morning.—10.30. Evening.—6.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST POINT.—3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, APRIL 28.

11 a.m.—Hymn, 71; Venite, Kelway; To Deum, Oakley; Jubilate, Robinson; Hymns, 334, 12, 345.

6.30 p.m.—Hymn, 72; Magnificat, Hymn, 345; Dimissa, Bistate; Hymns, 345, 16, 35.

The Mission Landing Committee will call on the ships on Sunday morning, between 10 and 10.30 to take men ashore for the services. The answering committee may be called.

CHUTNEY.

(Manufactured by the Firm of Irresponsible, Chutney and Co.)

An unconscious humourist in *The Times*, describing the voyage of the *Optim*, as witnessed from another vessel, arrives at a part of the trip where the ship conveying the Duke and Duchess is depicted as kicking about in a particularly lively manner, and, pathetically remarks the correspondent: 'I am afraid the poor Duchess must be very sick.' H'm! It is not unlikely. The *mal de mer* has no respect for Royalty, by whom the most delicate repast would be rejected on occasions.

Lord Roberts has accepted the Hon. Colonelcy of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and John Roberts, the 'billionaire,' is knocking the stuffing out of our local talent. There is no particular connection between the two events, only that the Duke and Duchess are in market, while the current pins his faith on bonzoina balls. It is difficult to say which of the two is the more deadly to the youth of the world.

The suggestion to have an Indian Cavalry Regiment as body-guard to H.M. the King strikes the firm as being a peculiarly happy one. The days when to cross the *kala* meet loss of caste to the doubtful soldier so dangerous as the *kanakas* and *Hindoo* are passing away, and the recognition of our Indian troops' loyalty to the Throne could not be shown in a happier manner. We can imagine some such colloquy as the following: between 'Army and his chum': 'Say, Bill, what's them *kanakas*?' 'Oh, them *kanakas*?' 'Why, does they call 'em *kanakas*?' 'Oh, I don't know. Some say they *kanakas* of their own country, so they come to Hingling.'

As a rule, Mr. Editor, your correspondents are unmerciful, and do not inflict their views upon us *ad nauseum*, but over the much-vaunted Missionary Question, they are neither unmerciful nor coherent, and, least of all, interesting. Do, please, Sir, ask them to cut it short. The firm is heartily sick of the subject, and they are by no means alone in wishing the whole matter comfortably buried in that oblivion which is the result of nonentity.

What price dredgers? Anyone quoting risks on them just now! If so, let them trot up and show their hands. If what we hear be true, the Insurance Companies are chary about taking on dredgers just now; indeed, are very much off with the *St. John* which came south with a few *low* 'lines' on her. The Companies interested—good word that—in the *Corcoran* River want extra-hazardous war risks on all dredgers in future; in fact, they would rather not touch them with a long pole, not to say a pile driver.

Gussey was down at the Police Court the other day, when a trifling incident occurred which resulted in the Reporters being shifted out of their time-honoured seats in a rather high-handed way by a prominent, and being forced to retire to a place where reporting was difficult, if not impossible. Struck with the manifest weakness of the members of the Fourth Estate, Gussey has evolved the following:—

THE REPORTER'S SENSE.

Oh, small is the money we earn.
And smaller the kudos we aspire to.
The shonky reporter never gets a cent,
For a title of the nobility's caprice.
The public don't know Tom or Dick,
Who go down to the Court stenographer.
But their paper's hauled up pretty quick,
At the veriest suspicion of chaffing.
They give him a bug-horn blower,
And a rickety beast of a table.
And sometimes condemn him to share
The clerks', and that's still more miserable.
They smile, as they shift him around,
And obstacles place in his way.
For the modern *quid nunc* has just found—
The reporter's not wanted to-day.
But, what's for they may say or may think,
The public will still give him a notice.
Though the grid awakes dead to the brink
Of silent contempt, plus abuse.

Everything we enjoy in this life, from happiness to a whisky-and-soda, is comparative, and it is more than probable that Mr. Chamberlain had this fact in mind when he so eloquently discoursed on Hongkong as a health resort. Compared with the Gold Coast or the water of Vesuvius, it may rank high as a healthy spot to reside in, but what with plague, small-pox, malarial fever, dysentery and a few other undesirable ailments always more or less on tap, Hongkong can scarcely lay claim to being an ideal place of residence. However, there is no need to rub salt in; we have here know about it. 'Hongkong may rank high!' exclaims Gussey, who has read this paragraph; 'why it is both rank and high!'

Guld in Scotland, assaying 30 ounces to the ton! Guld! What are you giving us, Mr. Reuter? Surely it should have been 30 pennyweights! If thirty ounces, then it is the richest gold ever struck on earth and there will no longer be need for those smitten with the *aurum sterner* to rush off to Klondyke or Johannesburg.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 27th at 12.55.—The barometer has risen in S. China and the Philippines. Pressure is probably highest over the coast of China, and gradients are slight for E. winds on the S. coast. Forecast: moderate E. winds; drizzling rain on 28th.

Conspicuous Gallantry.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal to Herbert Edward George, leading gunner, and Edward Herbert, gunner, first class, (since deceased) Royal Navy, in recognition of the recent operations on China and the seas made to rescue the *Itan* and *Sobron*, and the *Itan* and *Sobron* from the hands of the pirates in South Africa.

MILITARY 'BLINDNESS.'

Following upon what our Manila correspondent says in his letter published last night, the following extract from a mail paper will be read with additional interest:—

Sir Frederick Maurice, the General Officer Commanding the Mindanao District, has issued the following Order to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men under his command:—

'The attention of the General Officer Commanding is always daily directed to cases in which men of all branches of the Service have failed to use their eyes. Dredgers are hanging up all round the room, and the non-commissioned officer in charge, at the moment when they are required, has never observed that they were there. A policeman is asked why he is allowing some irregularity, and replies, with evident candour, "I beg your pardon, sir, I did not see." The variety of similar incidents that occur constantly is so great, and represents a blindness so universal and alarming, that a General Officer Commanding feels it necessary to insist upon every officer in the Garrison the fact that by the ordering of his Commission and by the custom of the Service, it is his duty to train men under him in whatever it is necessary to their efficiency at war. For this purpose they are always on duty, and have no right to omit any opportunity which may present itself for furthering his Majesty's Service in this way. Under the present conditions of warfare, there is scarcely anything which a soldier can do so damaging to his comrades and himself, not merely so, but so mischievous, as an incapacity for using his eyes. He cannot do so in war if he is not habitually trained to do so in peace. Scarcely any instance of daily life may be made to contribute either to blindness or to seeing. If a man were physically blind, he would be discharged from the Service as useless to it. A man who has two good eyes, but does not use them, is a more dangerous soldier than a blind man. The General Officer Commanding, therefore, requires that all Commanding Officers shall direct the attention of all the officers under them to this most important point. Subaltern officers in their respective battalions will select illustrations from war showing its importance. They will find plenty in the last war, even if they are not familiar as they ought to make themselves with the past history of war, which is a full of them. It is not necessary to be a general to be regarded as a competent officer for so serious a task as to train men under him in whatever it is necessary to their efficiency at war. For this purpose they are always on duty, and have no right to omit any opportunity which may present itself for furthering his Majesty's Service in this way. Under the present conditions of warfare, there is scarcely anything which a soldier can do so damaging to his comrades and himself, not merely so, but so mischievous, as an incapacity for using his eyes. He cannot do so in war if he is not habitually trained to do so in peace. Scarcely any instance of daily life may be made to contribute either to blindness or to seeing. If a man were physically blind, he would be discharged from the Service as useless to it. 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